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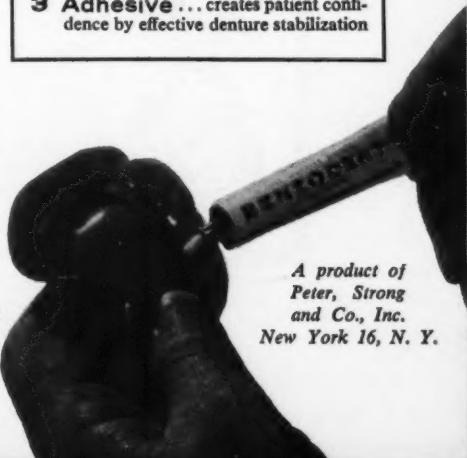
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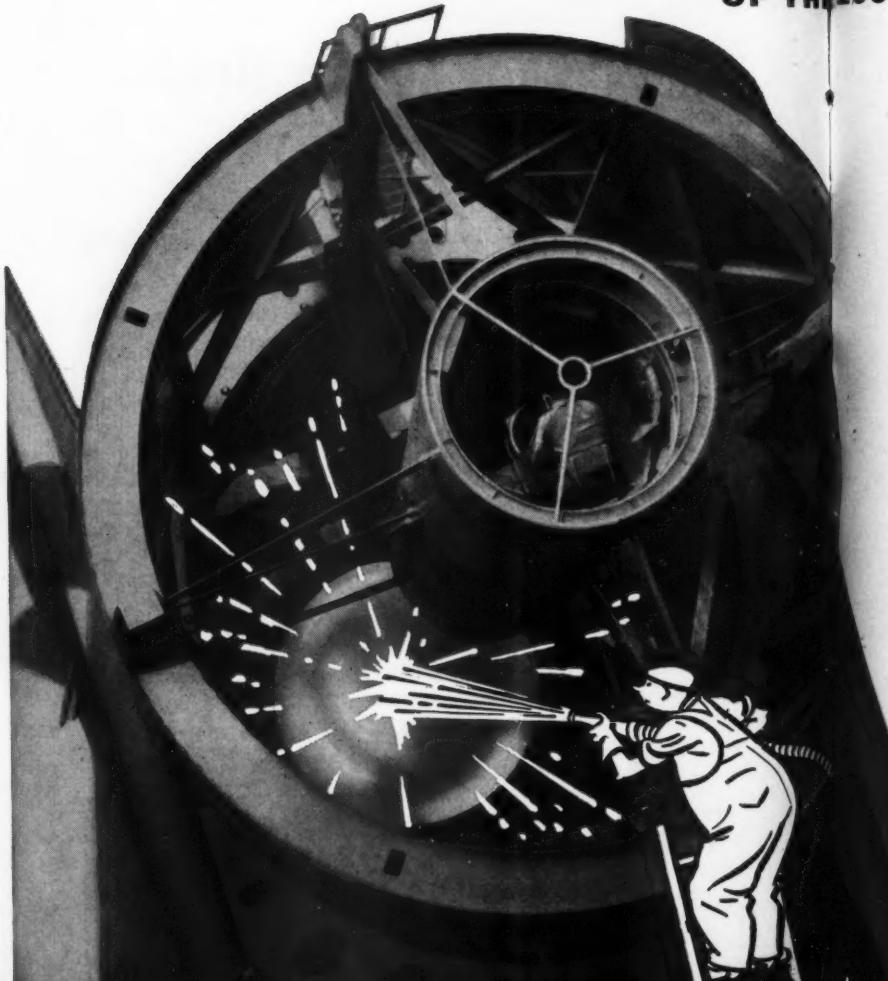
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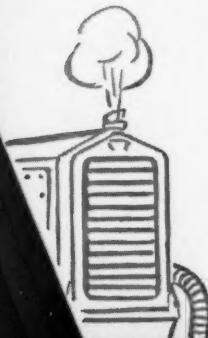
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Dear Members:

To the newly-elected officers of State Associations and Local Societies, we say, "Congratulations." The door of OPPORTUNITY has been opened for you, and we are confident that each of you will apply yourselves diligently for the progress and growth of your association or society.

To the officers that served during this last year, we say, "Thank you for work well done."

Many of your local societies are having vacation through the summer months, but I know each of you are making plans and looking forward to the meetings for the coming year. In making your plans for the years activities in your society, you will find many helpful ideas and suggestions in the brochures and pamphlets prepared by the A.D.A.A. Committees and sent to you from Central Office.

In your files, you also should find copies of the Manual, for State Associations, or Instructions for Local Officers, and the new booklet on Parliamentary Procedure. Each of these were prepared to help you to have an organization that is functioning efficiently and in harmony with the A.D.A.A.

We are so pleased to welcome sixteen new Local Societies and one new State Association, into the A.D.A.A. We are confident that you will enjoy the benefits, membership in the Association, provides. We appreciate the efforts of the girls who have worked so diligently to stimulate interest, and have given help and encouragement to bring these new organizations into being.

Are you reading about all the plans for the Annual Meeting in Atlantic City? The Program Committee and the Convention Committees are working untiringly to make this meeting very worthwhile, and fun too.

How about a trip to Atlantic City this fall? We are looking forward to seeing a great many of you there.

*Most sincerely,*

BESSIE L. PETERSON, President.

# *Patience with Little Patients*

By G. E. ALZENO, D.D.S., F.I.C.D.A.  
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It is commonly accepted that dentistry for children constitutes the least desirable phase of the average general practice. There are probably many reasons for this lamentable situation, but certainly high on the list is the emotional strain involved in dealing with an uncooperative child. It is universally agreed that a dentist and his staff should ideally be able to care for a child, regardless of circumstances, without becoming emotionally involved in the situation. Unfortunately, this is not the case in many instances.

Dentistry for children presents many problems which do not enter into dentistry for adults, and with children, especially those who visit the dental office for the first time, the assistant's services are invaluable. Here, with sympathetic attention, she may gain the confidence of the child and overcome the resentment which is often felt in visiting the dentist for the first time. She should try to make this first visit as pleasant as possible for both the patient and the dentist.

Unless the parents have been unusually adept at managing the situation, your child patient visits your office under some, and often considerable, protest. It is well to remember that for each emotionally unstable or uncooperative child there may be one or even two parents generally as unstable and uncooperative that will complicate and hinder your approach to the patient. If the parent is not cooperative what chance do you think you and your doctor will have with the child? It therefore behooves us to begin our child care with an appointment for the parents or guardians. Whenever possible we prefer to have completed an examination appointment before spending time with both parents discussing the diagnosis and treatment plans, but if you sense opposition from the child or

parents to this routine, it is well to alter this schedule and have your patient-orientation appointment immediately.

It is customary in many offices to give the parents a printed sheet at the first visit to aid in forming their attitudes and guiding their conduct. This is the form that we use in our office:

## CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY

Your child's health depends upon his ability to eat properly. Diseased teeth always weaken the child's resistance and undermine his general health. The Creator designed the "baby" teeth to last until the second ones are ready to come in. The "baby" molars need to be kept free from decay until the child is eleven or twelve years old. The common remark that, "The baby teeth don't need to be filled because they'll be lost anyway" is most harmful. These "baby" teeth have definite duties. They help the jaws to develop just by being in the mouth. And they help to prepare the food for our body. If these first teeth are lost at an early age, crooked teeth may result. Crooked teeth affect our appearance, but most of all, they can not chew and grind the food properly for digestion, and good digestion is necessary for health. Remember—good teeth, good appearance, and good health go hand in hand! The baby teeth ARE important.

A child's first visit to the dentist is a new and bewildering experience. The first trip should never be postponed until the child actually has a toothache.

Children are often too frightened to be co-operative during the first few appointments, yet cooperation is absolutely necessary in order to do a high standard of dentistry.

Bad judgment, or mistakes in handling the child at this time may result in a bad first impression. This may create a life-

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long fear of dentistry and will increase the difficulty of later winning confidence and cooperation. Therefore the parent is advised to be guided by the following precautions:

1) Do not discuss dentistry or dental appointments before the visit. Simply inform the child the day of his appointment that you are taking him to the dentist.

2) It is always better to have your appointments scheduled in the mornings when the child is rested after a good night's sleep.

3) If the child is in school, arrange with his teacher to have his dental appointment at a time that she feels he can best be excused without missing critical studies.

4) Usually short appointments are preferable for children.

5) Do not lie to your child in regard to any dental treatment. If questioned about pain, say that if it is uncomfortable the tooth can be put to sleep.

6) Never permit discussion of unpleasant dental experiences in the presence of any child.

7) Crying or resistance at the first or second visit is sometimes unavoidable and should not be alarming or discouraging.

8) Do not insist on being present in the operating room. Leave this to the judgment of the dentist.

9) Do not expect any completed restorations too soon. This may take several appointments, depending on the child's receptivity. Children's responses vary widely.

10) The parent plays an important role in winning the child's confidence and cooperation. Therefore, be patient, sympathetic and confident at all times.

Parents may be more inclined to study the form thoroughly if the doctor requests that they bring it with them at the next visit and discuss the specific topics as they relate to their child.

The next procedure utilized effectively in many practices is the use of pre-

medication to quiet the fears of the child and to relax his nerves. Several new drugs are gaining in popularity and are replacing the barbiturate therapy in many instances. The use of Medrabamate (Equanil) has proven very satisfactory in our practice.

Be cheerful and friendly at all times. A radiant smile is contagious, and this alone does more to quiet the child's fears than a thousand words. It has been said that a smile is "a light in the window of the face which shows that the heart is at home." You meet the patient before the dentist does, and this contact with you will greatly affect his reaction toward the dentist. Remember that first impressions are important and lasting. If you like children, most of them will instinctively like you. The best antidote for fear is understanding the unknown. In lieu of complete understanding, the element of confidence in someone who has this understanding will often suffice. If a child has sufficient confidence in you and the doctor, he needs no further reassurance. Building confidence is like constructing a denture—it must be done step by step in a logical sequence.

Constantly emphasizing a child's importance in your office will help to increase his self-satisfaction, and his inflated ego will serve to surmount his fear, for as Emerson said, "self-trust is the essence of heroism."

Frequent compliments help to build this "image of self" that you are constructing in the child. A conducted tour of the office dispels the feeling of strangeness and unfamiliarity that burdens his emotions and will also help you build confidence for his future needs.

Encourage the child's imagination, remembering that fantasy plays an important part in the mind of a child. Since there is no sharp dividing line between fantasy and reality in these young patients, a combination of the two can be used effectively in pedodontics. Child-sized furniture, pictures, toys, games, books, magazines, etc., to play with in

the reception room produce pleasant fantasy images. In the operating room the child may show apprehension because of the strangeness of the dental equipment. Here the assistant should compare each object with things that are familiar to the child. The dental unit becomes "our gas station," mouth mirrors are "dolls' mirrors," cotton rolls are "play cigarettes," the explorer a "toothpick," and cotton pellets are "bunnies' tails" and may be placed on the engine cord so they run around. Our saliva ejector is likened to a "drinking bird," and the mechanical amalgam condenser becomes a "woodpecker" tapping on the roof. The anaesthetic is "sleepy juice full of fairies" that put the tooth to sleep so we can brush the "bad brownies" or "bad bugs" out of the decay with the brushes (burr). Running the burr on the child's fingernail before applying it to the tooth shows him its action, and allowing him to watch certain procedures with a small hand mirror diverts his attention.

Be actively interested in the children, writing down on the examination records brief notes about their likes, dislikes, and hobbies for future reference. On subsequent visits referring to these notes will please the child immensely when you and your doctor, for example, remember that his dog's name is "Whitey," "Brownie," or "Paderewski."

Insofar as possible use positive rather than negative suggestions; i.e., "you will feel this a little," rather than "this won't hurt much." Children don't mind a little pinch, but they have some very well developed phobias concerning "shots." If you are confident and relaxed and have an air of calm self-assurance in all your dealings with the child in the office, he will be helped immeasurably, for he senses this attitude in you.

This brings up the question of parents in the operating room during operative procedures. All too often the parent, being unfamiliar with our operating procedures, will watch her child with a pained expression and will transfer her nervous-

ness, tension, and uncertainty to her child. The general rule is to keep parents out of the operating room. However, there are exceptions to every rule. With the emotionally young or exceptionally shy child it is sometimes preferable to have a parent present, as separating such a child from his mother presents an added emotional hurdle to overcome. With a little experience you and your doctor will be able to determine which procedure is indicated in each instance.

Dentistry for children is a gratifying experience that is gained by meeting the greatest challenge to our profession and conquering it. The success enjoyed by most dentists in the pedodontic portion of their practice would not be possible without the competent aid afforded him by the dental assistant. You are a necessity, not a luxury, and our future success in the profession depends to a great degree upon your skillful performance in handling little patients.

## BOOK REVIEW

A TEXTBOOK FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS. By Irwin Robert Levy, D.D.S., Fourth Edition. 293 pages with 237 illustrations. Price \$4.00. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia.

Much new material has been added to the revised chapters of this widely used textbook. A description of the Cavitron ultrasonic dental unit, the addition of acrylic to the list of filling materials previously included in the text, and numerous new illustrations of instruments make this fourth edition much more comprehensive. Photographs of plaster models of Class I, II, and III, types of malocclusion will help the dental assistant who is not employed in an orthodontist's office to recognize these three main types of abnormal occlusion. A dictionary of 1500 commonly used dental terms would be benefited by a revision that would eliminate some of the out of date terms and substitute the new vocabulary of the profession of dentistry.

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# Assisting with the Ultrasonic Drill

By JEAN COLEMAN  
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For many years dental research sought a replacement for the dental drill. Today, as a result of this research, a precision cutting process has been borrowed from industry and is available in an ultrasonic dental unit. This process provides controlled cutting of hard materials without resultant heat or vibration which makes it particularly suited to dental operative procedures. Briefly, this is the way it works:

Two electrical currents cause a contraction and expansion at the ultrasonic speed of 29,000 times per second. These oscillations are transmitted along a tool to a cutting bit. A cutting medium is applied between the top and the surface to be cut. Gentle impacts of the particles on the surface directly under the tip produce cutting action. This cutting action is, in effect, a process of rapid erosion. The cut is a precise reproduction of the shape of the cutting tip being used.\*

Patients are interested in almost anything new, especially anything as revolutionary as to do away with the unpleasantness of a dental drill. Popular magazines, newspapers, as well as grammar school "Weekly Readers" have carried articles about this new process. Patients are going to ask a dental assistant questions about the ultrasonic dental unit. A good dental assistant will familiarize herself with the mechanics of the ultrasonic process so she may intelligently answer these questions.

Any machine needs to be checked at regular intervals to keep it in perfect operating condition. The ultrasonic dental unit needs to be checked daily by the dental assistant. She must be sure the handpiece cooling water is flowing properly. This is determined by the water coming out the drain hose. (The drain hose hooks loosely over the water basin, and if it

isn't secured in the proper place, it may drain on the floor. This, of course, means a moment of checking the position of the hose in advance may save minutes of unnecessary work.) Also, the tank containing the abrasive powder must be checked to determine the quantity as well as the ratio of the abrasive and water. If the ratio of powder is too low, it prevents the maximum cutting strength. The abrasive and water should be added by the dental assistant as needed.

The ultrasonic dental unit has a handpiece somewhat similar to the regular dental handpiece. The dental assistant should examine this handpiece daily to be sure there is no accumulated water or abrasive in the lower part of it.

Instead of burs, the ultrasonic dental handpiece has various shaped points called tips. These tips screw in the handpiece. Each time a different tip is put in the handpiece, the threaded end of the handpiece and tip should be wiped with alcohol and dried with compressed air to remove any abrasive that would wear away the threads. These tips are screwed in with a tiny wrench so it is necessary that the dental assistant always have a wrench at the unit. At times the tips wear off leaving an irregular edge which eliminates cutting efficiency. The dental assistant may use a stone in the regular handpiece to even these. When the tips are worn away at a certain amount, the cutting efficiency drops sharply. The dental assistant should discard these when they are worn to that degree.

The tips may be sterilized in an autoclave or by boiling in water or oil. After being sterilized, they should be placed in an alcohol solution to dissolve any remaining abrasives.

Between each patient, the dental as-

sistant should clean the handpiece ultrasonically. Remove the tip, immerse the threaded end in alcohol, and allow it to vibrate for a few seconds. Remove from alcohol, shut off handpiece, and shake out the excess liquid.\*

When the dentist is using the ultrasonic dental unit, the dental assistant should connect a saliva ejector or the aspirator, as one is a necessity. A plastic cover should be placed over the patient to safeguard his clothes from the fine misty spray. Also, a patient will appreciate an extra towel to remove any spray which may get on his face.

Each office will have to work out a

procedure that best suits their method of operation. As with the conventional drill, the ultra-sonic requires a high degree of teamwork between the operator and assistant. Experience is necessary for both members of the team in order that the maximum results may be obtained from this truly wonderful instrument. My personal observance is that the ultrasonic is a practical instrument and is here to stay.

\*Morrison and Berman "Restorative Techniques with the Ultrasonic Dental Unit."

(Presented at the meeting of the Alabama Dental Assistants Assn., 1956.)

## A TWO-WAY PROGRAM — GIVING and RECEIVING

Have you ever given thought to the *one* quality of a Dental Assistant that we all share and sets us apart from those in other fields? It is the desire to give of ourselves to help others. We lend a helping hand not only to the doctor and the patients but assisting is a part of our personality and shows in everything we do. Let's look around at our fellow members as we carry on the work of our society; even though some of our assisting comes from the society as a group, it was the personal thought of some member originally that suggested the plan and was approved by the members. Some of these thoughts of giving that are put to practice by our societies are: the flowers we send to other members who are ill, the Christmas baskets we send to some less fortunate family, and the Children's Hospitals we visit to bring them joy — to mention just a few of the deeds of giving.

Now, in a larger scope, let's look at an activity of assistance of our national association — the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund. It is also a giving and receiving of assistance among our members. The thought that established this fund is a very beautiful one; to show

our appreciation to our founder, Juliette Southard, for all her time, energy and financial support in establishing the Association. Each year we would celebrate her birthday, and the proceeds from these parties would be deposited in a Trust Fund. Although Mrs. Southard never knew the real purpose of this Trust Fund, it was for her benefit — to lend her assistance in later years when she was no longer able to work.

Since 1944 this fund has been available to our members in time of need. To some of us this fund may have no special meaning; we have our Birthday Parties each year and send our contributions to the Relief Fund. But to the member who has received aid from the fund, and to her local society, it has a very special meaning — it is a real benefit from membership in the American Dental Assistants Association.

No publicity is ever given on the recipients of these grants but if we could all read their reasons for applying and then the letters of gratitude upon receiving aid, it would warm our hearts. Let us sight a few instances.

Here is an applicant who had been hospitalized for extensive surgery, and

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while in the hospital her insurance had lapsed because she was unable to pay. She was the sole support of herself and young son so the hospital and surgery bills were just too much for her. Her letter of thanks read: "It is with humility and gratitude that I send you my eternal thanks. Indeed it did ease the financial burden as well as the mental strain which accompanies insecurity. Believe me, it is so wonderful to belong to an Association that will stand back of you in time of need. I'm sorry of course that I was the victim, but so thankful from the bottom of my humble heart for your generosity."

Another applicant had the tragedy of losing her husband in an auto accident. He had been unemployed previously and she was supporting the family, there was no insurance. His death created immediate expenses beyond her means so a grant was given to her for burial expenses. She wrote: "Let me at this time express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness. Inside my heart I know there is nothing that one can compare with friends that remember, and forever through the ages they will be blessed by more than thanks from those who need help. Your help has made my load lighter and has brought joy to my heart."

Still another applicant was hospitalized for a malignant brain disease, to-

tally disabled permanently and the hospital and medicinal bills were adding up whereby it was too great expense for her or her family. The letter received from the family expressed her appreciation as: "It is with a great deal of gratitude that I accept this check in behalf of my Mother. I know that were she able to realize the kindness of her fellow Dental Assistants that she would be very touched. The girls here in the local society have been so very kind to me since the inception of Mother's illness and it is certainly most gratifying at a time like this to have total strangers volunteer such material aid."

None of us want to think of ourselves as having ill fortune; we are healthy, happy and making our way, but just suppose one of these instances happened to us. Wouldn't we feel comforted to know we may seek assistance from our Association! The next time your society celebrates a Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party, remember the expressions of thanks from those who have received assistance and let your giving come from your heart. Remember, it is our contributions at these birthday parties that keep the Relief Fund active.

Joy Phillips, *Chairman*  
J.A.S. Relief Fund Committee

#### FROM THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATION BOARD

Since the last report of March 23, 1956, the following states held examinations for certification: North Carolina, Washington, Arizona, Michigan, Texas, Nebraska.

112 qualified dental assistants took the examination, 89 passed the examination, 21 failed it.

4,294 assistants have been issued certificates.

Results of examinations given in Iowa, Missouri, Virginia, Kansas, New York, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Washington, D. C., and Florida have not yet been tabulated. This report will appear in the next issue of the journal.

ANNA CAREY, *Secretary*.

#### CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

The Southern California Dental Assistants Association will hold an examination for Certification on Saturday, October 20, 1956, at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, Science and Technic Building, 635 W. Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 7, California.

# A CRYSTAL VISION

Got so downright frustrated when I couldn't gather more news for you about the President's Banquet in Atlantic City I just decided to pay a visit to Madame Varga, and ask her to try to conjure up a vision or have a look in her crystal ball to try to find something I could tell you.

She finally agreed to attempt to invoke the images of crystal vision, and this is what she saw: Pretty girls, dressed in finery, escorted by handsome men, attending an "American Beauty Banquet" which was being held in a very elegant and luxurious hotel called the Shelburne. A calendar on the wall indicated that it was a scene of the future, October 2, 1956, to be exact, and the chimes of a clock indicated that the hour was 7 P.M. Right on the dot at the magic hour the guest of honor, a lovely lady, was escorted into the beautiful ballroom. Her appearance brought cheers of welcome from her many friends who had gathered to pay tribute to her, and for this special evening of entertainment arranged in her honor. She described the guest of honor as a charming and gracious person, whose warm smile radiated happiness and friendliness to all. I knew right off it was our President Bessie, and that Madame Varga had caught a glimpse into the future—I could hardly wait to tell you all about it. Madame Varga admitted to seeing a lot more than she wouldn't tell, but she did say there was a charge of \$10.00 per person to attend this banquet. She didn't see any dancing couples, but there was some superb entertainment, some sumptuous dining, and lots of surprises for the guests. She cautioned me to be there promptly at 7 P.M. or I would miss an important part of the evening. As I lis-



tened while she described this crystal vision, I got so excited I had "goose pimples." I am sure I got the magic picture all clear for you—so make your notes now and plan to be there for the actual happenings. Remember, it is to be an "American Beauty Banquet," the place is The Hotel Shelburne, Atlantic City, N. J., the date is Tuesday, October 2, 1956, and the time is 7 P.M. sharp! See you there—

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## A REVIEW OF: THE DENTAL ASSISTANT,

Edited by John C. Brauer, D.D.S.,  
398 pages with 126 illustrations. Index. \$7  
New York, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 1955

This book written for and dedicated to the Dental Assistant is an excellent source of information for assistants taking the Extension Study Course of the American Dental Assistants Association.

Particularly noteworthy is the fact the book was written and edited by members of a dental school faculty which has an approved Correspondence Study Course for Assistants.

The reader will find, with pleasure, the illustrations are up-to-date. This reviewer found few references at the end of each chapter—certainly a text of this type could have more.

The chapter on first aid should be read and studied with care, especially the last page, since there is some question as to the role of the assistant under state and federal laws in issuing drugs.

Grace Browning

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# Welcome to Convention City

On the Shores of the Atlantic

Atlantic City, New Jersey, October 1-4, 1956



## YOU ARE INVITED — To the Game of the Year

A.D.A.A. 1956 Convention activities will begin with the home team (New Jersey Assistants) running the first play from T (Harvest Tea) formation on Sunday, September 30 at 4 p.m. The game will be played in Kerry Hall, Hotel Shelburne, Atlantic City, N. J.

There will be seats reserved for all visitors in the cheering section. At the sound of the final whistle all visitors are invited to join the team in tearing the goal posts down.

This evening of entertainment should provide some moments to remember!

Don't miss this game of the year!

# Hotel reservation application

97th Annual Session  
American Dental  
Association  
Oct. 1-4, 1956  
Atlantic City, N. J.

A.D.A. HOUSING BUREAU •

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Reservations for Hotel accommodations may be secured for Atlantic City, N. J., by completing this application and mailing it to: A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, N. J. Be sure to indicate your arrival time in Atlantic City. Reservations will be held only until 6 p.m. of the day you indicate when you will arrive in Atlantic City unless special arrangements are made with the hotel. Names of all persons who intend to occupy the accommodations must be listed on the application.

List four choices of hotels. Confirmation will be sent to the applicant indicating which hotel has accepted the reservation. Write the A.D.A. Housing Bureau in Atlantic City if you wish to cancel the reservation.

(Please print or type)

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## Applicant:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Street address) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zone) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival in Atlantic City \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

## Accommodations:

Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ (Third choice)  
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Single occupancy, rate to range from \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day.  
 Suite of \_\_\_\_\_ rooms, including parlor, rate to range from \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day.  
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**Occupants:** (use an extra page for listing additional names if necessary)

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# Conservation of the Dentist and the Dental Assistant

By FRED M. MEIXNER, PH.G.M.D. President Chapter 1 American College  
of Chest Physicians and Past Regent  
Peoria, Illinois

Two recent news items drew attention to the role that chest diseases play in the health of our citizens: (1) the coronary of President Eisenhower, and (2) the increased incidence of lung cancer found clinically.

DENTISTS and DENTAL ASSISTANTS are component parts of our civilization and so are subject to the same failures of health as other people, but the dentist is not like the manufacturer or business owner. The latter's business can continue if his health fails, while the former not only loses his earning power, but must use up his accumulated savings to get well again, or even have to give up his profession permanently. Therefore, conserving his health is of the utmost importance.

In a survey of dentist patients at the Mayo Clinic, 16.5 per cent of total illnesses were due to cardiac diseases, and a significant number were found due to pulmonary diseases, such as cancer of the lung, tuberculosis, etc. The high incidence of anxiety states, the long hours of diligent, tense office work, at times involving hard physical effort under trying circumstances, result in increased work for the coronary narrowing. This situation predisposes to so-called coronary failure and leads to angina pectoris or even to myocardial infarction. For an already weak heart, these factors certainly tend to hasten cardiac breakdown, leading to shortened useful life, or loss of income. This progression from the

early state to cardiac breakdown certainly can be classed as the chief occupational disease of dentists.

The dental assistant, sharing with the dentist, all the cares, work and irritations of the office, must of necessity, also be subject to the same breakdowns and cardiovascular damage as the dentist himself. The problem of avoiding the results of this tension cannot be solved in the most satisfactory way by mere "running away from it all."

The practicing dentist in middle life does not want to retire from practice because it is taking too great a toll of the cardiovascular capital he has, if he can help it, or even materially reduce his professional activity. He wants to save his heart by finding a solution for the tension problems, but not by avoiding responsibilities that cause tension, but he needs to learn how to relax while continuing to meet those responsibilities. This may mean a change in his mode of living, adoption of a hobby, outdoor activities, and such changes as will inhibit the building up of tension from too limited exercise leading to exhaustion and damage to the cardiovascular system. This may mean better office management which delegates many of the duties and responsibilities commonly assumed by the dentist to auxiliary personnel — that is, the dental hygienist, the dental assistants, and the

secretary. Too long working hours, too many appointments, and inadequate time for daily rest and for frequent short vacations predispose to undue fatigue, nervous tension, and less efficient professional services.

Small, but significant factors that can and should be corrected are difficulties of poor light, muscle fatigue from cramped position; long continued upright posture; building up tension by actions on the part of the patient with a fear of pain; attempt on the part of the operator to avoid that pain; the constant attention to detail which is necessary to produce good results; and of course the constant desire for good results which will be appreciated by colleagues as well as the patient. All these factors create strain or tension which manifests itself physically or mentally.

Acting through the autonomic nervous system we find effects on the heart, blood vessels, the pulmonary system, and the entire body as a whole. In the heart it will produce rapid heart action, even irregularity, a sense of "heart fatigue," undue sweating, and a complex which resembles the fear reaction in all animals.

The importance of this to the dentist is that he may be aware only of the abnormal sensations of palpitation, weakness, or tightness in the chest, and without consideration of the possible cause. He may think, "It's my heart." This leads to another worry and still further symptoms of the anxiety complex.

Here again, the solution is in the hands of the dentist himself. A change in office hours and routine, or anything to lessen the strain of life, a few less appointments, or the employment of several competent dental assistants, will put the "trolley" back on the track, and save a good dentist for future years.

Now, a few words about prevention of physical breakdown by the busy dentist and this applies to the dental assistant as well.

Have a periodic check-up, regularly, by a competent physician. Not just a

"listen" with the stethoscope, but a careful study with laboratory tests, once a year, or oftener, in an effort to detect disease or disturbances at an early stage. If any are found, early treatment not only reduces or eliminates suffering and economic loss, but it can also prevent some diseases from becoming chronic or perhaps incurable. Dr. J. Mortenson of the Mayo Clinic reports that of 391 adults to whom he gave a periodic health check-up, only one-quarter were free of disorders. And the dentist and the dental assistant are no different from other people.

What constitutes a good health check-up? This depends on so many things that no definite answer will fit all patients as to what can be called an adequate check-up. But certainly a good history of the dentist's and the dental assistant's activities, illnesses, symptoms present or elicited in the past, questions of diet, sleep, exercise, medication, smoking and drinking habits, provide insight into the social, psychological, all physical status of the patient. The family history may uncover tendencies to diabetes, gout or allergic disorders. Family relations, psychological problems, and mental symptoms, such as fears, anxieties or depressions and an appraisal of personalities and emotions that may lead to the anxiety state, should be explored. After this will come the physical examination and laboratory tests such as urine, blood, cell smears, chest X-ray, electrocardiogram, and any special tests that the history brings out needs to be done. These facts will be all studied, correlated and a definite health evaluation given by the physician.

In closing, let me again emphasize: keep calm, solve anxieties and problems that annoy you, relax whenever you can, let your dental assistants, your secretary, shoulder some of the details of your practice, and see your physician for the check-up regularly. As Arthur Godfrey says, don't try to be "too hot," or you will be a long time "too cold." A long life to you!

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# *From Central Office Wires*

Mary L. Martin,  
Executive Secretary

410 First National Bank Bldg.  
La Porte, Indiana

## **TO ALL SECRETARIES:**

Now is the time to check your records to be sure that all those who have paid dues to you have received membership cards. Occasionally we receive an inquiry from some assistant who is not receiving her journal, and upon checking our records, we find that her dues have never been sent to Central Office. Don't let this happen to one of YOUR members.

## **TO ALL OFFICERS:**

PLEASE study and use the instructions given to you in the "Manual of Operations" for the State Officers, and "Instructions to Local Society Officers" for the local societies. This kind of cooperation speeds up the work in Central Office and enables fewer persons to accomplish more; also makes for more accurate records.

## **TO ALL MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY NEW ONES:**

Since the A.D.A.A. is an organization almost entirely of women, we would appreciate having your own given name for our records. We do not want to clutter up these records with husbands' names or initials. Using your own given name makes for easier identification of individual members on Central Office permanent records.

## **TO STATE AND LOCAL PRESIDENTS, AND STATE SECRETARIES:**

During the latter part of July or the early part of August, a new ADAA Directory of Officers will be mimeographed and distributed to each of you, as your names appear on Central Office records. Please take care of this and use it for reference. It will be of interest to your members to see the extent of the organization of which they are a part.

## **LOYAL ASSISTANT TROPHY**

The Clifton G. Ducote Loyal Assistant Trophy will be presented to the member of the A.D.A.A. present at the annual meeting who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer (providing that she has not previously received this trophy). A certificate, giving date of original employment, attested by the employer, president and secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the ADAA for at least two years, must be notarized. The certificates must be turned over to the Executive Secretary not later than Monday, October 1, at 5:00 P.M.

## **EDUCATION - - - - - EFFICIENCY - - - - - LOYALTY - - - - - SERVICE**

### **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK —**

We are grateful to the members who so promptly filled in the Reader-Interest Survey questionnaire, which was inserted in the last issue of the journal, and returned it to the Editor. Your answers and comments have been read with inter-

est, and are providing us valuable information. Many of you have not yet returned this questionnaire, and we ask that you please not delay longer in so doing. Your opinions will be of value in making important decisions, regarding your journal, in the future. May we hear from you immediately?

# *Guilty or Not Guilty?*

Attention: Every A. D. A. A. Member—  
Are you wearing your ADAA pin when

you attend your local and state meetings?

Do you have your state guard attached  
to your pin so everyone you meet will  
know which association you represent?

If you are not wearing a pin, why not  
order it now so you will have it to wear  
when you attend the ADAA meeting in  
Atlantic City, October 1.

Do you know the meaning of your  
pin?

The book of knowledge signifies—  
Education

The lamp of learning denotes—Ef-  
ficiency

The color, blue, is symbolic of—  
Loyalty

The color, gold, is symbolic of—  
Service

Do you leave your cap at home in a  
drawer, or do you wear it in the office?

You may ask, "Why wear a cap, it is  
just a nuisance."

Wearing a cap is a symbol of educa-  
tion to your patients. You may have ac-  
quired this education through apprentice-

ship or through schooling. The Certifica-  
tion emblem is significant of your  
schooling, but you may wear the cap  
without the emblem.

Always remember, only white caps and  
uniforms are the official attire of the  
ADAA. If you desire information about  
pins or caps contact your Presidents, Pin  
Committee Chairman or the ADAA Pin  
Committee.

Attention: District, State and Local Pin  
Committee Chairmen—It will be through  
your efforts that members in your area  
will be informed about the pins and caps,  
and that your district may be in line to  
win the award offered by our Jeweler,  
Karl J. Klein, Inc. This award is pre-  
sented to the district with the largest  
percentage of sales of pins and guards for  
the year. Are you working for this award?

You are the Judge—Are you guilty or  
not guilty?

MERLE ANDREWS, *Chairman*  
ADAA Pin Committee  
1167 Illinois Ave. S. W.  
Huron, So. Dakota



## **When and Where**

**AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIA-  
TION:** Thirty-second Annual Session—  
October 1-4, 1956. Hotel Shelburne, Atlan-  
tic City, N. J. President: Bessie Peterson,  
126 Franklin, Waterloo, Iowa. General  
Secretary: Elma Troutman, 26 W. Portal  
Ave., San Francisco, Calif. Executive Sec-  
retary: Mary L. Martin, 410 First National  
Bank Bldg., La Porte, Indiana.

### **MEETINGS OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS**

#### *Fourth District:*

**GEORGIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIA-  
TION:** October 21-24, 1956. Manger  
Hotel, Savannah, Ga. President: Mildred  
Shumate, Greer Building, Brunswick, Ga.  
Secretary: Claire Williamson, 310 Medical  
Arts Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

#### *Fifth District:*

**WEST VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

**ASSOCIATION:** July 22-25, 1956. The  
Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs,  
West Virginia. President: Peggy LaLance,  
Box 9164, Huntington, W. Va. Secretary:  
Berniece Turley, Box 1164, Huntington,  
W. Va.

#### *Ninth District:*

**IDAHO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIA-  
TION:** September 5-7, 1956. Sun Valley,  
Idaho. President: Naomi Dopson, 506 2nd  
Street, Twin Falls, Idaho. Secretary: Fran  
Thompson, 393 Buchanan Street, Twin  
Falls, Idaho.

**COLORADO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIA-  
TION:** October 21-24, 1956. Broad-  
moor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
President: Elta Selzer, 1223 N. Weber, Col-  
orado Springs, Colo. Secretary: Helen Lile,  
920 E. 9th Street, Pueblo, Colo.

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## EDITORIAL

### IS YOUR PRIDE SHOWING?

Pride in what you do is one of the biggest assets to any job.

Are you proud of being a Dental Assistant?

Are you proud of the second pair of hands you provide your doctor—of the service you render your patients—the part you play in your community life? I hope so!

This pride is what helps make you a good Dental Assistant.

This pride is the thing that spurs you on to greater achievement.

This pride is the quality that began our association.

This pride is the driving force behind our Certification program.

Weren't you proud the day you received notice that you had successfully passed your certification examination?

It will mean greater effort on the part of each of us to realize our goal; 100 per cent Certification of our membership, but it is not impossible. Reaching this goal would engender more pride within our association.

We are Dental Assistants....

We are proud of our function. There are things in the office we can do that the hygienist cannot...the doctor cannot...the laboratory technician cannot. We overlap at times, and cooperate always, but we do not aspire to their positions.

Within our realm we can be TOPS, and we can encourage others to seek perfection.

This we owe to ourselves, to our profession, to our association, and to our community.

Let us be proud and show it!

*By VIRGINIA M. DANIELLY,  
Contributing Editor*



A.D.A.A. NEEDS A  
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**WHY?**

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**HOW?**

INCREASE DUES FROM  
\$4.00 TO \$6.00 PER YEAR...



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NOVEMBER — WHEN DUES  
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## YOUR PRESENT A.D.A.A. DUES DOLLARS AND HOW THEY ARE SPENT...

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AN INCREASE IN DUES TO \$6.00  
WOULD BE ONLY  $16\frac{2}{3}\%$  PER MONTH...

The time has come for a vote of confidence in A.D.A.A. policy for more and better services to members, their state and local societies. At the annual A.D.A.A. meeting in Atlantic City, October 1 to 4, each member, through her elected delegate, will be asked to vote on the proposal to increase the annual A.D.A.A. dues, effective November 1, 1956.



# YOUR 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ CENTS CAN DO IT

By HARRIETT DARLING, *Treasurer*  
American Dental Assistants Association

Yes, just 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  cents per month from each member can give the ADAA the shot in the arm that is needed if it is to continue to grow and develop into a healthy and strong body, equal to the demands of the long and active life that lies ahead.

Don't you agree this is a very small investment to receive in return such necessary and worthwhile results as new life, energy and strength to your association?

The illustrated story on the two preceding pages has alerted you to the need of your help, and now I shall attempt in this word story to give you the details of What, Why, When and Who.

The ADAA Board of Trustees feel the time has come for all members to take a realistic look at the dues structure of our association, keeping in mind the need for providing more services and enlarging the scope of our activities.

In the past years, due to limited finances, we have been forced to give only essential services, and postpone others requiring cash outlay, but which we feel are important to progress. We believe this is contrary to the wishes of every member, but we must operate on a sound business basis, which means income must equal out-go without tapping our modest reserves—reserves maintained to carry the ADAA through any year of low income or unexpected emergencies.

The spending of the association's money is a big responsibility. The budget of our national association is not set-up by guess, nor are the expenses allowed without limitations. Several years ago the services of competent auditors were employed, and, after thorough examination of ADAA accounts and expenditures of

past years, these men recommended a budget set-up by which the association should be guided. Each year as the Budget and Finance Committee prepares the annual budget to present to the ADAA House of Delegates for approval, each suggestion and situation is carefully evaluated, the foremost thought being that any spending should promote the objectives of the association and bring prestige to the dental assistant.

On the preceding page you have been given a breakdown of the way your present dues of \$4.00 were spent the current year. Now let us take a look at the services you received for your money, why we are finding it difficult to make this amount cover these services, and why we feel that you deserve a broader service from your association.

Where could you find a journal more attractive than THE DENTAL ASSISTANT for the amount of your dues allotted to its publication? You receive six issues yearly, each of which contains informative and educational articles, lectures, news of other societies, association policy and activity information, inspirational messages from our ADAA President, and editorials from our own members.

Printing and mailing costs have been rising steadily for the past five years. To bring you this excellent publication we must depend on revenue from advertising in the journal to take care of a good portion of its expense. (The allotment from your dues is not sufficient to cover all costs.) It has been suggested that we make changes in advertising policies to conform with the standards for advertising in the journal of the ADA. If these changes are made it will result in a sharp reduction in revenue from advertising

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for a period of approximately two years. If we are to continue to give you a journal of its present standards, we must be prepared to give the staff the financial assistance it will need during this period.

As we have broadened our scope of ADAA activities, added new societies, and enlarged our membership, it has become impossible for our elected officers, who are full time employed dental assistants, to carry out all the routine administrative duties of our association. Therefore, our central office with a staff of trained personnel is a must.

What about our present central office?

In order to maintain and operate a central office to meet present demands it has become necessary within the past few years to enlarge our office space, purchase new equipment, and increase the number of employees.

What benefits do you, as members, receive from our central office?

If you, as a member, will stop and reflect on the many contacts your society has with central office, the volume of letters, bulletins, etc., you receive from it, you can well understand its importance and necessity. Just one example is the brochures that are compiled each year by our ADAA Committees—Clinics and Exhibits; Public Relations; By-Laws; Membership; Education; Nominating; Pin; Relief, etc., which are mimeographed and mailed from central office. Most of these are sent to the Presidents and Secretaries of both the state and local societies and the ADAA officers and trustees—a total of 690 persons. The postage bill alone for central office in 1955 was over \$500.00. This did not include the postage used by the officers in sending out the teams of letters they write each year. The subscription department of the Journal is maintained in central office, which is within itself a time-consuming and exacting task. Postal rates and supplies used for letters, bulletins, etc., have continued to rise yearly.

Have you ever stopped to think of the many information booklets, career pam-

phlets, J. A. S. Relief Fund and scholarship booklets, which are sent out from central office without charge? The demand for these, for use in membership and society building campaigns, is amazing and continue to increase as we grow. All this adds to our expenses, but we receive no revenue in return. We believe that this is good public relations, and the requests indicate the value of this service—a service we feel we must continue to supply.

Since its inception the ADAA has been seeking assistance and guidance from dental educators and the dental profession in our educational program—our primary reason for existence. In recent years the ADA Council on Dental Education has been working very closely with the ADAA Educational Committee. At the 1956 Chicago Mid-Winter Meeting the ADA Council on Dental Education held a conference to which they invited representatives of the ADAA, Deans of Dental Schools, and others interested in education for dental assistants. The need for a broader educational program was discussed at length by this representative group. Other conferences are scheduled during this calendar year, and it is probable that a workshop will be sponsored by the council in 1957 on the training of auxiliary personnel, with special emphasis on the dental assistant. We have been working for years to achieve this goal! The ADAA must be well represented at this workshop, and take an active part in all these programs that will help us advance our aims and objectives. We must be prepared to bear whatever expense may be ours for participation in this program.

A source of concern each year is the increase in travel and hotel expense. There was a time when convention meeting rooms and official suites were provided complimentary by the hotel. This has not been the case in recent years. In 1955 the hotel charged \$305.00 for the room to hold our meetings. This year in Atlantic

City there will be no complimentary official suite.

Whether or not you have been a national officer, you are no doubt aware of the numerous problems pertaining to administrative affairs that arise throughout the year. The president has no authority to make decisions on these various matters, but must consult with her staff of officers. Correspondence is inadequate when such discussion and decision is necessary. Therefore, it has been found to the interest of our association for the four major officers and the editor and business manager to hold a conference during the interim between annual board sessions. This is done at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Chicago each February. Each year we send a representative to the annual meeting of the Canadian Dental Nurses and Assistants Association. Travel and hotel expenses are allowed for all these meetings. We feel that no one would ask our officers, who give so much of their time and energy throughout the year to association work, to pay their own travel expenses while working for our advancement. Just for the records—none of the ADAA officers or trustees receive any remuneration for their services. Our president and trustees receive a limited allotment to help defray the expenses connected with their responsibilities. Many states have recommended that the trustee's allotments be increased. At the present time lack of funds make it impossible.

It would be impossible to attempt to enumerate the many items that must be considered in the routine operating expenses of our association. All of you are business women, familiar with the ever-increasing cost of living and the operation of a business. Operation and administration of association affairs must be considered in the same light. As circumstances change, sound financial planning, like any association activity, calls for constant

revision of goals and means. As our ADAA has grown and developed our sphere of influence has also increased, and brought with it increased financial responsibility.

If you will spend only a few minutes to review the dues structure we are certain you can see why we must constantly weigh one benefit against another, and why present income is hardly adequate to supply present needs, much less allow the services we feel should be made available to our present and future membership.

If we hope to improve and expand our efforts to become better dental assistants we cannot be content to rest on the laurels of past achievement, nor hamper progress by lack of funds to take the next step. If we are to progress as dental assistants then we must progress as an organization.

Your delegate's vote, cast in favor of the recommendation to increase the annual ADAA dues from \$4.00 to \$6.00 (effective November 1, 1956), will give the ADAA the shot in the arm it needs to continue a program in keeping with its stature and its goals. May we count on your support?

#### NEW SOCIETIES

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- R Resolve to increase your efficiency
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- U Understand and assist your fellowman
- N Neglect no chance to be a friend
- I Imbue others with enthusiasm
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## FIRST DISTRICT

### *News from New Hampshire*

The Southeastern Dental Assistants Society held an installation service for its new officers in Dover, N. H., with Irene Jarvis serving as Installing Officer and Juliette Gamache as Conducting Officer. The fifth Extension Study Course is well under way with 13 girls enrolled and Dr. William W. Fraser is conducting the classes. The beautiful seacoast resort, The Farragut, at Rye, N. H., was the place and June was the time when the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association held its annual meeting. Educational programs included "The Dental Laboratory Aspect of the Dental Assistant in Aiding the Dentist," presented by Dr. Andrew N. Weston and "Diagnosis of Preventive Dentistry," by Dr. J. Gerard Levesque. Irene Jarvis as delegate and Juliette Gamache as alternate and plans for clinics to be presented at the National Meeting in Atlantic City were announced.

### *News from Connecticut*

The members of the Hartford Dental Assistants Society, relatives, friends and members of the Hartford Dental Society watched proudly as the second Extension Study Course class received caps and certificates. Dr. Wilson Conran conducted the ceremony, Dr. Leonard

Menczer spoke on "The Value of Education to the Dental Assistant" and those girls honored were Francis Fisher, Mary Harris, Lorraine Simmons, Lorna Kelly, Joan Ives, Frances Seitz, Delores Johnson and Helen Newman. State Education Chairman Olive Hunt announced the first Extension Study Course class graduated 14 members and the third class is now under way, with 13 members enrolled.

## SECOND DISTRICT

### *News from New York*

First District Dental Assistants Society of New York, Inc., held its annual election of officers in May and, for the first time in five years, enjoyed again its June Social. Emphasis was placed on the announcement of the new Extension Study Course to be started in September since it is hoped to hold this one in New York City. All interested girls are urged to contact Janet Stanaland, Chairman, for details.

The Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District closed its season with the annual social held at the Headquarters Building. Membership Chairman Sylvia Steckel and Education Chairman Bea Gindea urge all interested girls to contact them for details on membership and the Extension Study Course.

The triple Cities Dental Assistants Society has completed its activities for the season and

announces its September meeting will take the form of a dinner meeting at Hotel Frederick, Endicott, New York, to celebrate its first anniversary.

The Elmira Dental Assistants Society was hostess to the members of the Triple Cities and Ithaca dental assistants at its final meeting. Advantages of state and national membership were discussed at this meeting. Honored guests included Gertrude Carhart, Second District Trustee, and Maryann Gall of Buffalo, N. Y. The Elmira girls will resume their regular meetings in September.

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society held its annual banquet at Park Lane when the traditional candlelight ceremony was used in installing its new officers.

The Richmond County Dental Assistants Society held its annual banquet at Cellini's Restaurant. Iris Poller, Education Chairman, announced she is accepting applications for the Extension Study Course which will start in September. Lee Taras is our capable New York Reporter.

#### *News from New Jersey*

Margaret Volpe sends an enthusiastic report of the New Jersey Dental Assistants Association's annual meeting held in Atlantic City. Clinics presented at this meeting included "The Right and the Wrong Way" by Tibby Shepard and Myrna Krolick of Bergen County, "Telephone Personality" by Christine Batiste of Essex County and "The Dental Assistant's Role in Children's Dentistry" by Peggy Dougherty of Southern County. The Clinic Cup was awarded Christine Batiste and, since this was the third consecutive Clinic award to Essex County, the Cup is retired to the Essex County Society. The Poster Award went to Corinne Kernes of Essex County for her poster entitled "I Don't Brush My Teeth." A Board of Trustees meeting, installation ceremony for new officers and the President's Luncheon honoring retiring President Irma Adams concluded this fine meeting.

The Essex County Dental Assistants Society is "bustin' its buttons" over its recent honors and its pride in member Corinne Kernes who has just been installed as State President. The May meeting of this society was held at the Savoy Plaza when the candlelight ceremony was used to install its new officers. The June meeting presented guest speaker Dr. H. R. Baer with his talk on "Root Canal Therapy" and was the final meeting of this group until next September.

#### **THIRD DISTRICT**

Let's start off by telling you about the Akron Dental Assistants Society. The May meeting of this group featured the election and installation of new officers with Imogene Brubaker serving as Installing Officer and ADAA Life Member Frances Peck presiding

at the Table of Friendship. The end of May found the Akron girls playing hostess to dental assistants from all points in Ohio for the annual mid-year meeting held in the Sheraton-Mayflower Hotel. Open house with Annamae Weber, Betty Tittle and Tommie Hill as hostesses, followed registration on Saturday afternoon. At the annual mid-year banquet Toastmistress Betty Tittle introduced honored guests who included Virginia Hoffman, ADAA Third Vice President; Alicia B. King, ADAA Third District Trustee; Lillian Hoffman, ADAA Past President; Evelyn Brett, ADAA Past President; Gladys Hopkins, President of Ohio State Dental Assistants Association, Dr. Frank L. Traster, President of Akron Dental Society, and Alberta Reed, Editor of Views of the News of *The Dental Assistant*. The coffee hour on Sunday morning was followed by a conference session moderated by Virginia Hoffman, ADAA Third Vice President. Elma Willis was Banquet Chairman, Betty Tittle was Arrangements Chairman and Helen Thomas in charge of registration for this fine meeting when 82 dental assistants from the societies of Warren, Toledo, Northwestern, Dayton, Stark County, Springfield, Cleveland, Lorain County and Akron met together. Certification Examination under the supervision of Lillian Hoffman, Education Chairman, was given to 12 girls at this meeting.

Pat Lauffer, Reporter for the Lorain County Dental Assistants Society, writes of the April meeting when guest speaker Mr. Robert Romig spoke on "Mixing Silicates, Cements and Amalgams." The May meeting found its members traveling to Cleveland, Ohio, for the annual Spring Clinic held there in the Hotel Hollenden after which they toured the Ransom & Randolph Supply House in Cleveland. Lorain County member and Ohio State President Gladys Hopkins attended the Dayton Dental Society Spring Clinic in Dayton, Ohio, in April as honored guest. And, when the members of the Columbus Dental Assistants Society held its May meeting in Columbus, Ohio, honoring the doctors and their wives, she was among the honored guests. Dr. Hull was guest speaker at this meeting.

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society celebrated its annual Bosses Night when it held a banquet and installation service in May. At the traditional candlelight installation service, Dr. D. M. Beatty, Immediate Past President of the Stark County Dental Society, served as Installing Officer, Doris Glass as Conducting Officer and Adelia Digel presided at the Table of Friendship. Greetings were brought by Dr. Paul Hobie, President of the Stark County Dental Society. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Raymond J. Wilcoxon of the Speakers' Bureau of the Republic Steel  
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### **NEWS (Continued from Page 31)**

Corporation who presented "The St. Lawrence Dream Nears Reality." Honored guests, in addition to those mentioned, were the members of the Stark County Dental Society and their wives and Marie Wolf, Ohio State Second Vice President. A surprise of the evening was the presentation of a trophy cup by Alberta Reed to the Stark County Dental Assistants Society which she dedicated to Adelia Digel, Charter Member and Past President, and Doris Glass, Past President, to be known as the "Adelia Digel-Doris Glass Clinic Trophy" and awarded to the best clinician each year. The June meeting of this group will feature a "Mock Trial" under the supervision of the Stark County Bar Association and will entertain the members of the Akron Dental Assistants Society as guests.

#### **News from Pennsylvania**

Welcome to Pennsylvania's new State Publicity Chairman, ADAA Life Member and "Flag Lady" Helen Fitting! Congratulations to her, too, on her appointment as Official Representative of ADAA to the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants meeting held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada, in May! The Pennsylvania State Dental Assistants Association held its sixth annual meeting at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa., in April. This meeting enjoyed the largest registration to date, presented a splendid educational program, elected and installed new officers, and presented the Membership Trophy to the Pittsburgh Dental Assistants Society for its increase in membership, the Poster Award for the best poster to the Pittsburgh Society, and the Loyalty Trophy to Rose Donohue of the Philadelphia Society.

#### **News from Maryland**

Thanks to Patricia Taliapro, we learn of the activities of the Baltimore City Dental Assistants Society. The April meeting was a dinner meeting with the doctors as honored guests. Dean Myron Aisenberg, Dean of the University of Maryland Dental School, spoke on "Pathology." The May meeting presented guest speaker Dr. John Stang who talked on "Oral Surgery" and showed slides to illustrate his talk. A Certification Examination was held at the Dental School of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md., in May.

#### **FOURTH DISTRICT**

##### **News from Alabama**

Phyllis Weaver is the new State Public Relations Chairman and Editor of the "Alabama D. A.'s." The Alabama State Dental Assistants Association held its annual meeting at the White House Hotel, Biloxi, Miss., in April. Guest speakers at this meeting included Dr. Polly Ayers who spoke on "The Dental Assistant—A Community Leader," Dr.

Adeeb E. Thomas of the Alabama School of Dentistry on "Sterilization in a Dental Office," and Dr. Frank Matthews on "Office Management." The candlelight ceremony was used to install the new officers with Annie Shipley serving as Installing Officer. Excellent papers, posters and table clinics were followed by the coveted awards; the Shaw Merit Trophy to Bonnie Franklin for contributing most to the Association during the past year, the Chambers Achievement Trophy to Grace Browning for achieving the greatest benefit to the Association, the Lurie Trophy to the Dothan Society and Lorraine Glausier for the best educational program, the Ratner Trophy to Joyce Thomas for the best competitive clinic, the Paper Trophy to Betty Adkins for the best competitive paper, the Dee Gold Plaque to Emma Lou Turner for the best competitive poster and the Past President's Trophy to Erna Ruth Currie.

The Birmingham Dental Assistants Society presented the Rev. Hobart as guest speaker and he chose "Our Economic and Moral Values of Our Present-Day World" as his topic. Installation of new officers took place at this meeting with Vallie Stewart serving as Installing officer and Marty Welch as Conducting Officer. At the following meeting Mrs. Gertrude Sinnott, Director of Dental Hygiene of the University of Alabama, presented her talk on "Sharpening Instruments." The Extension Study Course for this group began its studies in April.

The Cullman Dental Assistants Society held its regular meeting in the offices of Dr. Jack Vogel and the program opened with a clinic entitled "Investment of Gold Inlays and Crowns" presented by Joyce Thomas. The election of new officers was held at this meeting.

At the monthly meeting of the Fifth District Dental Assistants Society election and installation of new officers was the business of the evening.

The Dothan Dental Assistants Society held its election of officers in the offices of Dr. Dupree Davis. A clinic entitled "Building a Wax Bite" was given by Ann McGriff. At the annual banquet and installation announcement was made of the Certification Examination to be held in Dothan at the end of June.

#### **News from Florida**

Sue Moseley is the author of news from the Broward County Dental Assistants Society. Guest speaker Dr. M. L. Butterworth presented his interesting lecture on "Relaxation in Dentistry" and, in April, an interesting round table discussion on society problems was held.

With regret we receive the final report of Josephine Valles, Reporter for the Tampa Dental Assistants Society. A panel discussion, conducted by Dr. R. B. Hughlett, Dr. James

Page, Jr., Dr. J. Leon Schwartz and Dr. H. Elton Woodward, on "Fluoridation" was a feature of the regular monthly meeting of this society. It was announced that the Tampa Dental Society has endorsed a resolution favoring fluoridation. Gladys Holdstock, President of the Dental Auxiliary and member of the Assistants Society, spoke on "More Assistance by Assistants." It was announced that Dr. Anthony Martino, President of the Hillsborough County Dental Society, has appointed Dr. Robert C. Cogswell, Dr. James Holdstock and Dr. J. Leon Schwartz to serve as Advisory Council to the Assistants Society. "So You Build a Better Mousetrap" is the title of the paper, prepared by Georgia Cogswell, to be presented at the state meeting in Miami. Barbara Loper and Pat Rodriguez have prepared the poster for the state meeting and Eva Arenal will serve as delegate with Georgia Cogswell as alternate. A review of the Extension Study Course will be held in Tampa at the L. M. Anderson Dental Supply Co. prior to the Certification Examination to be held in Miami.

The Miami District Dental Assistants Society held its regular dinner meeting at the Ocean Ranch Hotel. The program presented excellent clinics and papers and posters that will be presented at the state meeting. They included Betty Macy with "Do You Control Your Appointment Book?", Betty Jean Wagoner with "Verbal Expressions Affect Children's Behavior" and Virginia Lockwood with "Assisting With Ultrasonic." The doctors were honored guests at this meeting. The Extension Study Course for this group is well underway and enthusiastically attended.

#### FIFTH DISTRICT

##### *News from Kentucky*

Blanche M. Carte, Fifth District Reporter, writes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Dental Assistants Association held in the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Ky., in April. The educational program presented guest speakers Dr. Frank Gaines, Commissioner of Mental Health, State of Kentucky, Dr. John Mosteller of Mobile, Ala., Dr. Carl Kennedy of Montgomery, W. Va., and Mr. M. D. Dewberry of the Social Security Office. A paper entitled "Use Your Membership" prepared by Fifth District Trustee Olive Steinbeck was read by Blanche Carte. The popular table clinics and posters were competitive and the Clinic Award went to Tulsa Kise of Ashland, Ky., the Poster Award went to the Louisville District Dental Assistants Society, the first Membership Award went to the Pennyville Dental Assistants Society and the second Membership Award went to the Louisville District Society. The Annual Luncheon presented guest speaker Mrs. Lois Boyle with her topic "Charm of Life" and the gala banquet presented Mr.

Joe Creason of the *Courier-Journal* as guest speaker with Mr. Thor C. Laugensen as Master of Ceremonies.

The Louisville Dental Assistants Society installed its new officers at its regular May meeting and proudly displayed its prize-winning poster and its trophies.

The Kanawha Valley Dental Assistants Society held its annual election of officers in May, announced delegates Patty Payne, Dorothy Oldham and Virginia Givens to the West Virginia State Meeting to be held in White Sulphur Springs and entertained its doctors at the annual Bosses Night Dinner. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. J. J. Dillon of the L. D. Caulk Co. Other honored guests included Claudia Justice of the L. D. Caulk Co. and Mary Lowry, Counsellor to the society.

#### SIXTH DISTRICT

##### *News from Illinois*

Margaret Little, the new Publicity Chairman from Illinois, reports: She highlights the splendid programs presented by the McLean County Dental Assistants Society which included a "Clinic Night," an interesting talk and film on "Blood" presented by Mr. Caruthers of the Red Cross Chapter in Decatur, Ill., and an informative lecture on "The Relationship of Chiropody and Dentistry" given by Dr. James W. Grubb. Participating in the Clinic Program were Maureen Wheeler with "Posters," Dorothy Stutzman with "Dental Diet," Joanne Martenson with "Hints and Tips" and Carol Urban with "Sterilization." This group, organized only three years ago by Maureen Wheeler, will present a clinic and poster at the State Meeting to be held soon in Springfield, Ill.

The Decatur Dental Assistants Society held an outstanding meeting in April when it presented guest speaker Dr. Lloyd Dodd with his talk on "If I Were A Dental Assistant." Members of Eastern Illinois, McLean County and Springfield Societies and State President Margaret Crosby were honored guests at this meeting.

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society presented Mr. Richard Hawkins of the White-Rofer Co. speaking on "Care of Handpieces" at its April meeting and followed this with guest speaker Dr. Frank Vandever of Mattoon, Ill., with his interesting presentation of "Hypnotism" at the May meeting.

The Fox Valley Dental Assistants Society held a fine meeting in April when Dr. Meister of Mooseheart, Ill., Child Psychologist, spoke on "Oral Habits of Children." At this meeting, a White Elephant Sale, conducted by Rosalie Bayer, netted \$36.00 for the Juliette Southard Relief Fund. The May meeting was held in St. Charles, Ill., and was the scene of the ever-lovely candlelight service for the installation of new officers.

The Peoria Dental Assistants Society heard a provocative speaker when Dr. H. Worley Kendall, Medical Director of the St. Francis Hospital Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, spoke on "Dental Health in Peoria," pointing out the ways dental assistants can aid handicapped children. The May meeting was the scene of the traditional installation service with Maurine Wheeler, First Vice President of Illinois, serving as Installing Officer, Fran Williams, President of McLean County, serving as Conducting Officer and Marjorie Fowler, Immediate Past President of Illinois, and State President Margaret Crosby presiding at the Table of Friendship. The balance of the meeting was devoted to a "Membership Participation" idea as each member spoke on efficiency tips and other matters relating to dental assisting. Honored guest Margaret Crosby also spoke on new projects for the State Association.

The State of Illinois is extremely fortunate in having a family of lusty, fast-growing "baby societies"—and the Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society is one of them. In three years, it has grown from membership of six to a powerhouse 23! It proudly announces that its first Extension Study Course is now under way with an enrollment of 15. More important, it has the active support of the members of the dental society as evidenced by Dr. R. H. Fell lecturing on "Ethics," Dr. R. P. Cabeen on "Care of Office Equipment," Dr. Kenneth Goff on "Office Management" and Dr. A. W. Koratsky, Staff Member of the Galesburg Mental Research Hospital, on "Chairside Assisting." The April meeting of this group presented guest speaker Mr. Howard Girard of the Ritter Co. with his talk and film on "Cone Technique in Dental X-rays" and he presented each assistant with a copy of the book "X-rays in Dentistry." The doctors were honored guests at this meeting. In May, a film entitled "Telephone Courtesy" was shown by President Betty Mecum followed by the election of new officers.

In distributing caps on the back, who can ignore the members of the Quincy Dental Assistants Society? Not me!! Organized 3 years ago by Past President Marjorie Fowler along with 4 other societies, Quincy is the smallest but not the least. It was the first to begin its Extension Study Course and the first to cap its certified dental assistants. The procession of candidates, carrying symbolic "lamps of learning," was followed by words of welcome by Evelyn Frankenhoft, Janet Lindenberg, President of the Peoria society, and Jeanne Ostermeier, Past State Education Chairman, capped the girls and presented them the certificates. Guest speaker Dr. R. W. Leavitt brought an inspiring address on "What It Takes" and Estella Mae Moore, Chairman of Education Commit-

tee, replied with expressions of appreciation. Honored guests at this service included the relatives and friends of the candidates, State Past President Marjorie Fowler who organized and installed the first officers of this society, instructors Dr. Hugh Tarpley, Dr. Carl Lamb, Dr. R. W. Leavitt, Dr. Merritt J. Quade, Dr. Donald A. Busby, Dr. Raymond L. Bell, Dr. James B. Reed, Dr. Donald K. Rees, Dr. R. B. McReynolds, Dr. W. F. Wingen, Dr. R. A. Harris, their wives and dental laboratory technicians. The April meeting of the Quincy society was the scene of the candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers with Estell Mae Moore serving as Installing Officer and Florence McNeff as Conducting Officer. With President Nancy Burchette at the helm, we can expect greater reports from this society.

The Rockford Dental Assistants Society held a splendid program of clinics when it presented Polly Laude with "Maintaining Inventory," Jackie Anderson with "Servitron-Plastic Filling Material," Marjorie Carlson with "Dental Health," Lillian Zundahl with "Bite Rims," Marilyn Warner with "Acrylics in Orthodontics," Kathy Mueller and Shirley See with "Miss Trim and Miss Improper," Sally Carroll with "Recalls," Jan Axelson with "Sharpening Instruments," Marie Johnson with "Patient Registration," Bonnie Gunderson with "Investing Inlays," and Sharon Corbridge with "School Education Program." The following meeting brought an enlightening talk on "Mental Health" given by Mrs. Olive Kniese, Executive Secretary of the Winnebago Mental Health Society. Election of new officers completed this meeting. At the May meeting Ada Slye served as Installing Officer and Ruth Huggens as Conducting Officer in the installation service. Dr. Robert Anderson, Counselor for the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association, and Polly Laude, 2nd Vice President and Education Chairman of the state association, presided at the capping ceremony. Congratulations to Shirley See, Elaine Lubinski, Jackie Anderson, Bonnie Gunderson and Kay Greco on the receipt of your caps and certificates!

The April meeting of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker Dr. Arthur Elfenbaum, staff member of the Diagnostic Dept. of Northwestern University, with his talk on "The Role of the Dental Assistant in a Diagnostic Program." The impressive candlelight service for the installation of officers, with Lorraine Scappilato as Installing Officer and Gladys Tripahn as Conducting Officer, was the program for May. At this time, the Chicago Past Presidents' Council announced it would present the "Robert W. Appelman Award" to the branch society having the largest percentage of increase in membership during the year.

The West Suburban Branch presented Mr.

D. M. Gray of Johnson & Johnson, speaking on "Cotton Materials," as guest speaker at its April meeting. The May meeting brought the service for the installation of officers with Dorothy Sutton, President of the Chicago society, serving as Installing Officer.

The North, Northwest and North Suburban Branch heard a representative from the American Red Cross present his talk and film on "Safety Measures—Do You Know Them?" at its April meeting.

The South Side Branch presented Dr. F Rusek speaking on "Oral Surgery" at its April meeting and followed in May with its candle-light service for the installation of officers, with Aldene Bevers as Installing Officer and Harriet Turner as Conducting Officer.

The North Side Study Group participated in an interesting tour of the United States Post Office in April and presented guest speaker Mr. Wm. Kramer of the S. S. White Co. and his talk on "Amalgams and Cements" at its May meeting.

#### SEVENTH DISTRICT *News from North Dakota*

The North Dakota Dental Assistants Association held its annual meeting at Minot, N. Dak., in May. Honored guests at this included ADAA President Bessie Peterson, Waterloo, Ia., ADAA Treasurer Harriett Darling, Huron, S. Dak., ADAA Past President Mary Haney, Omaha, Neb., and ADAA 7th District Trustee LaVeta Lehn, O'Neill, Neb. LaVeta Lehn presented an interesting clinic on "Office Finance Records." The always-popular table clinic presentations included Deloris Peterson, Gertrude McDonald, Gloria Brunsvoold and Ellen Welsh of Grand Forks, N. Dak., and Ella Haney of Jamestown, N. Dak. The meeting closed with the election of new officers and the announcement that Fargo, N. Dak., would be the site of the annual meeting in 1957.

The Grand Forks Dental Assistants Society closed its season with a meeting held in the offices of Dr. M. A. Houghaug in May. A demonstration on "Plaster Model Trimming" was given by Deloris Peterson and a Convention Report was presented by Gloria Brunsvoold. The election of new officers completed the program.

#### *News from Minnesota*

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association was held in April in St. Paul, Minn. An early highlight of the meeting was the Capping Ceremony under the supervision of Mary Ferrise, State Education Chairman. It was held in the St. Paul Dental Library and those girls receiving caps and certificates were Mary Anderson, Melva Spielman, Patricia Peifer, Marie Seledic, Angela Cimbura, Maureen Kaufman,

Charlotte Berger, Mrs. Vern Moll, Renate Fuchs and Dorothy Usdtuen. Special appreciation was expressed to the Examining Doctors, Dr. Wm. Bray and Dr. Milton Rose. Words of encouragement and congratulations go to Minnesota's 3 new study groups, namely the Alexandria, South Central and Southwest Study Clubs. Honored guests included ADAA President Bessie Peterson, ADAA Treasurer Harriett Darling, ADAA 7th District Trustee LaVeta Lehn, Dean Crawford of the School of Dentistry, Dr. Dorothy Muirhead and Dr. Paul Wild, Clinic and Poster judges, Mrs. D. W. Clark, President of the Women's Auxiliary and Dr. D. W. Clark, President-elect of the Minnesota Dental Association. The presentation of Honorary Member Plaque to Dr. Thorson was made by Stell Peterson. The exciting awards followed with the Membership Trophy going to the Duluth District, the 1st Post Award going to Marjorie Clark, Minneapolis, the 2nd to Monica McManus and Florence Dinndorf of St. Cloud and the 3rd to Pat Fitzgerald, Minneapolis. The Clinic Trophy Cup went to Bettie Kelcher, St. Paul, 2nd Award to Lois Hughes, Minneapolis, and the 3rd to Mary Ferrise, St. Paul.

The West Central District Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting in Willmar, Miss., when it presented a clinic entitled "How An Assistant Can Be of the Most Help to Her Doctor" by Delilah Corbul. A warm welcome was extended new member Mrs. Vernon W. Hanson of Appleton.

The April meeting of the Minneapolis Dental Hygienists and Assistants Society presented a preview of the clinic entitled "How Are Your Collections?" by Lois Hughes to be presented at the state meeting. New members welcomed were Vivian Duncan, Margaret Gleason, Phyllis Giesser, Betty Irons, Marilyn Iverson, Marilyn Kohls, Priscilla Ronnie, Marie Seledic, Jeanne Torke and Lavone Stiebler.

The St. Paul Dental Assistants Society heard an interesting lecture when guest speaker Dr. L. H. Schwarzkopf, Minneapolis, spoke on "Increasing Production." The following meeting afforded a preview of the clinic entitled "Temporary Plastic Restoration" by Mary Ferrise which she presented at the state meeting.

The St. Cloud girls proudly announce they have now become a district and has presented its members a series of interesting and informative programs, including "Good Posture During Activity and Rest" by Dr. E. R. Komarek, "Telephone Tips" by the manager of the telephone company and an outstanding speaker when Father Aubrie Zellner, OSB, Instructor in Psychology at St. John's University, spoke on "Psychology" and administered the Thurstone Temperature Test on the dental assistants present. Plans are completed for the West Central District Convention when Dr. Jordan will be the principal speaker.

#### *News from Iowa*

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association was held in May in the Hotel Kirkwood, Des Moines, Ia., with President Marcella Passow, Fort Dodge, presiding at all meetings. It opened early with a Certification Examination conducted by Bernice Kinne, Chairman, and Alice Hayward and Marvis Sanders. An early social affair was the Sunday afternoon tea honoring ADAA President Bessie Peterson. On Monday, an impressive Capping Ceremony was conducted by ADAA President Bessie Peterson and Education Chairman Bernice Kinne for all qualified dental assistants. Educational features offered at this meeting included "Suggestions to a Dental Assistant" by Dr. Merritt C. Pedersen, Lincoln, Nebr., "The Challenging Future for Dental Assisting" by Dr. George W. Glann, Des Moines, Ia., "Is Your Prophylactic and Periodontia Program Satisfactory?" by Dr. Edward Ball, Cincinnati, O., and "Let's Keep the Boss Out of Trouble" by Richard F. Rabe, D.D.S., J.D., Des Moines, Ia. The installation of new officers was an impressive ceremony with Bessie Peterson serving as Installing Officer, Lillian Russet Bruns, Honorary Member, as Conducting Officer and Louise Lynum, Honorary Member, presiding at the Table of Friendship. A splendid program of table clinics and posters was presented with the following girls participating: Margaret Brandhorst, Waterloo; Vera Spies, Waterloo; Betty Hanson and Julie Falk, Waterloo; Bertha Doolittle, Fort Dodge; Oriett Clark, Ames; Grace Krohn, Atlantic; Nancy Norman, Cedar Rapids; Inessa Pfeister, Carroll; Nelvina Scholten, Orange City; Mildred Clemon, Onawa; Mary Mae Faber, Sioux City; Lucille Wert, Sioux City; Shirley McCollum, Des Moines; Iva Jane Peasley and Dixie Austin, Mason City; Winifred LaMaster, Griswold, and Bernice Kinne, Fort Dodge. Posters were submitted by the societies at Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Mason City, Waterloo, Clear Lake and Fort Dodge.

#### *News from Nebraska*

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association was held in May at the Paxton Hotel, Omaha, and opened with a Certification Examination under the supervision of Education Chairman Margaret Leedom. The fine educational program offered included "Classification and Treatment of Emergencies" by Dr. T. J. Dwork, Lincoln, "Dental Assisting in a General Practice" by Dr. Max Cory, Sidney, and "Dental Assistant's Role in Gold Inlays" by Dr. E. J. Daily, Omaha. Honored guests at this meeting included ADAA President Bessie Peterson who presented a fine paper on "Opportunity" and ADAA 7th District Trustee LaVeta Lehn who

brought greetings from ADAA. Dental assistants who presented splendid papers included Ruth Morgan with "Efficiency in a Dental Office," Mary Ellen Halstead with "The Certification Picture," Patricia Masters with "Are You a Dental Assistant Or An Office Girl?" and Eleanor Otto with "The Assistant's Role in the Business Office." An impressive installation ceremony was conducted by Bessie Peterson as Installing Officer, LaVeta Lehn as Conducting and with Past President Mary Ellen Halstead presiding at the Table of Friendship. The exciting awarding of trophies revealed that the Loyalty Trophy was won by LaVeta and the Clinic Trophy by Mrs. Milo Johnson. The clinics presented were "Ideal Ideas" by Mrs. Milo Johnson, Fremont, "Sterilization and Care of the Syringe in a Dental Office" by Mary Orr, Omaha, "Let's Teach 'Em" by Analiese Slama, Omaha, "Diet in Dentistry" by Patricia Masters, Omaha, and "Mounting Diagnostic Models" by Marie Johnson, Lincoln. The first place poster was made by Beverly Hammel, Lincoln. Dr. Floyd L. Paynter, associate members of the association, presented a new trophy to be awarded the best essay written by a dental assistant.

The Lincoln Dental Assistants Society held its election and installation of officers at the Capitol Hotel in May. Its Extension Study Course is well under way.

The Omaha Dental Assistants Society closed its season with the election and installation of new officers in May. This group reports a fine enrollment and attendance in its Extension Study Course.

#### EIGHTH DISTRICT

##### *News from Oklahoma*

Janice Jacobson, Publicity Chairman, writes of the 16th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association held in the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, in April. Educational lectures were a featured part of this meeting and included ADAA Past President Steve Ann Montgomery, Dallas, Texas, who spoke on "Parliamentary Procedure" and ADAA 8th District Trustee, Mae Collins, brought greetings from ADAA. The members of the Oklahoma City Dental Assistants Society were hostesses for this meeting.

#### *News from Kansas*

The Kansas Dental Assistants Association held its 25th Annual Meeting amid a scene of sparkling silver when it met in May at the Kansas Hotel, Topeka, Kan. 14 dental assistants sat for the Certification Examination given at this meeting. Social activities at this meeting included the Coffee Hour conducted by the Topeka Dental Assistants Society during registration, the Buffet Dinner at the Elks Club and the Annual Dinner-Dance at the

Kansas Hotel under the direction of Wave Anderson. Outstanding speakers rounded out the educational program and the table clinics were well attended.

#### NINTH DISTRICT

##### *News from Washington*

From Harriet Todd, Publicity Chairman, comes news of the 15th Annual Meeting of the Washington Dental Assistants Association held at the Hungerford Hotel, Seattle, Wash. The educational program included guest speaker Dr. John L. Dickerson with a fine talk on dental health programs in schools, fluoridation and fluorine treatments for children. Greetings were brought by ADAA President Bessie Peterson, ADAA 2nd Vice President Joy Phillips, ADAA 1st Vice President Magdalene Kulstad, ADAA 9th District Trustee Madge Tingley, Washington Past President Joanne O'Connor, and Washington Immediate Past President Helen Fleming. A fine program of table clinics was presented. Final messages were heard from ADAA Retiring 9th District Trustee Lois Kryger and Washington Retiring President Helen Schwartz. An honored guest at this meeting was Oregon State Past President Fern Hopkins. The candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers was conducted by Lois Kryger as Installing Officer and Peggy Lee as Conducting Officer. 18 dental assistants sat for the Certification Examination given by Dr. Paul Chilton, Seattle, Dr. John Cook, Lynden, and Dr. B. W. Richardson, Mt. Vernon, assisted by Vera Fuhrman, Chairman of the Certification Board, and Delores Krier, Seattle District President. This meeting closed with the Annual Banquet honoring President Helen Schwartz.

##### *News from Montana*

Welcome to Doris Akins, Publicity Chairman, for we hear too seldom from the girls in Montana. The Yellowstone Dental Assistants Society has had a busy season including a dinner meeting at Billings, Mont., when they heard guest speaker Mrs. Mary Hahn of the Cerebral Palsy Center speak on the causes, types and treatments of this dreaded disease. The following meeting was a lovely dinner and capping ceremony at which time the instructors of the Extension Study Course were honored guests. Dr. John Taylor, Master of Ceremonies, presented guest speaker Dr. E. L. Jones and the film entitled "Gateway to Health." The impressive capping ceremony was conducted by Dr. R. W. Kelley who presented the Certificates and Jean Erickson, D. H., who placed the caps. The final meeting of this group presented guest speaker Wally Anderson of Wally's Beauty Salon who gave a talk and demonstration on "Good Grooming and Hair Styling."

#### TENTH DISTRICT *News from Texas*

The 16th Annual Meeting of the Texas Dental Assistants Association was held in April in the Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, with President Dorothy Faulk presiding. An early event was the Certification Examination held in the U. S. Public Health Hospital under the supervision of Ruth Kelly, Education Chairman. On the list of educational features were "Hypnosis in Dentistry" by Dr. Harold B. Craslinneck, Dallas, "Preventive Dentistry" by Col. Richard J. Burch, Lackland AFB, greetings from Dr. L. A. Vander Hamm, President, Fort Worth District Dental Society, and a lecture by G. Archanna Morrison in the Will Rogers Auditorium. Social activities included a reception honoring President Dorothy Faulk, and the Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers. This meeting closed with the table clinics and the presentation of awards.

##### *News from Arizona*

Jeannie Stroud, President of the Tucson Dental Assistants Society, sends an enthusiastic report of that society's meetings. April was the time for the luncheon honoring Past Presidents and members Dorothy Barber, Phyllis Ludwig, Lucille Wallen, Reginette Enz, Beverly Banghart, Charlotte Salaz and Jeannie Stroud served as models at the style show highlighting this meeting. The following meeting was held in the home of Joan Keisel and brought the lovely candlelight ceremony for the installation of officers. ADAA 10th District Trustee Marion Small served as Installing Officer and Katherine Burgess as Conducting Officer. At this meeting, recognition was accorded Katherine Burgess for winning the Best Paper Trophy with her "Dental Anatomy" and Joan Keisel for winning the Browning Achievement Award. The theme of the May meeting was "Good Grooming" and presented a cosmetic demonstration by a representative of the Merle Norman Studios. It was announced that Dr. Clayton Hibner, President of Southern Arizona Dental Society, Dr. Leonard Weiner and Dr. Bernard Weiler are the Advisory Council for the year. 12 members of this society are enrolled in its Extension Study Course.

##### *News from New Mexico*

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Dental Assistants Association was held at the LaFonda Hotel, Santa Fe (how well your editor remembers this place!) and presented stimulating and inspiring talk by Dr. Lon Morrey, Editor of the ADA Journal, and Dr. W. R. Alstadt, ADA 12th District Trustee. The efforts of these two doctors has done much to increase the success of this new state dental assistants association and is deeply appreciated.

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by the New Mexico girls. 4 fine table clinics were presented at this meeting and 10th District Trustee Marion Small, Tucson, Ariz., served as Installing Officer at the impressive installation of new officers. Marion Small presented an enlightening talk on "Why Certification?" at this meeting.

#### *News from Utah*

The Annual Meeting of the Utah Dental Assistants Association was held in May in the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, and presented a well-rounded educational program of 3 lectures by doctors and two joint meetings with the members of the Utah Dental Association. 6 fine table clinics were presented and the winner, "Telephone Technique" by Dr. Lone Holland of Salt Lake City will be presented at the National Meeting in Atlantic City. The ever-lovely installation ceremony was conducted by ADAA 10th District Trustee Marion Small, Tucson, Ariz. A luncheon and a tour of beautiful Salt Lake City concluded this meeting.

#### *News from Colorado*

A one-day Special Meeting was held by the Colorado State Dental Assistants Association in the American Legion Hall, Denver, Colo. A round-table discussion of special problems and plans, moderated by ADAA 10th District Trustee Marion Small, Tucson, Ariz., was the highlight of this meeting. President Elta Selzer, Colorado Springs, conducted the Board Meeting that completed the business of the day.

### ELEVENTH DISTRICT

#### *News from California*

The May meeting of the Marin County Dental Assistants Society was held at the Alta Mira Hotel, Sausalito. Following dinner, reports on the State Meeting were given by President Ruth McCarty, Vice President Beatrice Mitchell, Secretary Beverly Eddy, Treasurer Mary Pohlman, Reporter Winifred McMahon, Director Evelyn Ferriero, Mavis Bailey, Treasurer of the Northern California Dental Assistants Association, Vivian Dunmire, Betty Cannon and Edyth Hargraves. Honored guests at this meeting included Dr. John E. Jansheski, the society's Coordinating Dentist, and Elma Troutman, ADAA General Secretary. The film entitled "Effective Utilization of the Dental Assistant" was a feature of the program. The final meeting of this group was held in June at San Rafael and concluded with the completion of plans for programs beginning next September.

Dora de la Laing, Reporter, writes of the May dinner meeting of the Fresno District Dental Assistants Society held at the Outpost. Guest speaker was Dr. Sumio Kubo who spoke on "Orthodontia." Report of the State Meet-

ing was given by Helen Eaton and congratulations were tendered Helen Eaton and Eleanore Holmes for achieving State President and Corresponding Secretary, respectively.

Nancy M. Cox, Reporter for the Santa Clara County Dental Assistants Society, writes of its pride in member Edith Longinetti just elected Vice President of the Northern California Dental Assistants Association. Membership Chairman Joan McCracken has concluded a very successful membership campaign with a Potluck Supper. At the final meeting of the season guest speaker Dr. Hoffman, Santa Clara, spoke on "Fluoridation."

Welcome back to Peggy Kumm Webber, perennial Reporter for the Fourth District Dental Assistants Society! The April meeting of this society presented an interesting program called "Travel Talk" by Dr. Charles M. Woodward of the San Gabriel Dental Society, who presented his observations of facts and techniques of dentistry as practiced in Great Britain during his recent trip there. The May meeting was held in Sailee's, Burbank, and presented guest speaker Dr. George Boone, Orthodontist and Instructor at the Dental School of the University of Southern California. His subject was "Orthodontia." Reports of delegates to the State Meeting were heard from President Louise Bush, Dolores Hart, Ellen Smith, Lynn Barratt, Marilyn Miller, and alternates Angie Eldaro, Viola Holmes, Jeanne Arams, Pat Lawrence and Marge Christofferson. Special recognition was extended clinicians Angie Eldaro with "Care of Handpieces," Betty King with "Labeling Bottles," and Marilyn Miller and Edna Adams with "Mobile Cabinet in Operative Dental Work." Congratulations were extended Past President Vicki Hood on her appointment as State Director, and Ruth Maas on her election as State Treasurer. A touching tribute was paid Inga Swanson, Retiring State Director, at the State Meeting when a corps of the dental assistant students she taught at Los Angeles City College paid their respects. Congratulations on a job well done, Inga!

The Fifth District Dental Assistants Society at its April meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Louis de Kiserte speaking on "Hypnosis." The May meeting was "Mothers' Night" and featured a potluck dinner.

The April meeting of the Harbor District Dental Assistants Society was "Mothers' Night" and the program featured a Fashion and Uniform Show with the members serving as models.

The Kern County Dental Assistants Society held its April meeting in the Hostess Room, Carnation Plant, and presented guest speaker Mr. Ray Jennings of Keeling & Co. with his interesting lecture entitled "Can the Dental Assistant be Sued?"

The Orange County Dental Assistants So-

society at its April meeting heard Dr. Robert W. Thompson speak on "Everyday Oral Surgery." A lovely candlelight service conducted by Mrs. Senore Spencer, Instructor of Dental Assisting at Fullerton Junior College presented caps and certificates to Pauline Freeman and Margaret DeArmand. A candlelight recognition service conducted by Membership Chairman Clara Moore presented new members Kathleen Larkin, Noble Kobayashi, Isabelle Simpson, Pat Meyer, Pat Martin, Dorothy Jones, Susan Bates, Joyce Callaghan and Debra Davey to the society.

The April meeting of the San Fernando Valley Dental Assistants Society presented its members a novel Panel Discussion. Edith Leach served as Moderator, Inger Urban discussed "A. D. A. A.", Luanne Privett, "Attire," Mary Birdsong, "Receptionist," Edna Wall, "Chair Assistant," Mae Domhoff, "Periodontia," Agnes Lee, "Orthodontia," and Patricia Agricola, "Oral Sulgence." The panel of advisory doctors included Dr. Sol Firman, Dr. M. Adams, Dr. R. Waggoner, Dr. Vonder Kuhlen, Dr. W. Faermark, Dr. S. R. Blair, and Dr. J. J. Blair.

The April meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Dental Assistants Society presented two fine lecturers, Dr. Lee K. Ewing with "Early Personality and Character Impression Through

"Facial Form" and Dr. Jack Rounds with "Psychology in Patient Management." Another added attraction were the table clinics presented by members Juanita Scholton and June Elliott and students Barbara Wilcut, Judy Purnell, Donna Weller, Carol Caldwell, Sandy Eriksen and Marie Ponzo.

The Whittier Dental Assistants Society held its "Clinic Night" in April. Clinics were presented, Mildred Vest with "Recall System," Mildred Redman with "Office Engineer," Joan Shoehigh with "Orthodontic Model Procedure," Isabel Hall with "Care of Dental Hand Pieces," Arlene Burdick, Erlene Rosa and Ann Lawson with "Do's and Don'ts," Elizabeth Zummwalt and Helen Lee with "X-Ray Technique," Betty Harris with "Accuracy Means Dollars to the Doctor" and Edythe Kidd with "Coordinating Schedule of General and Specialist Practice."

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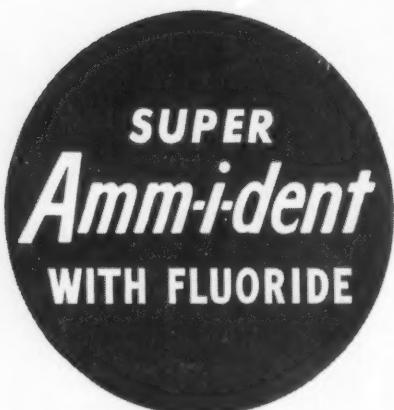
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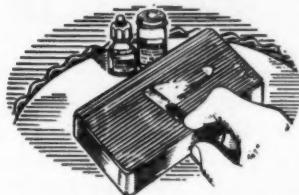
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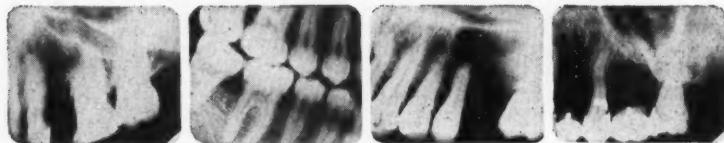
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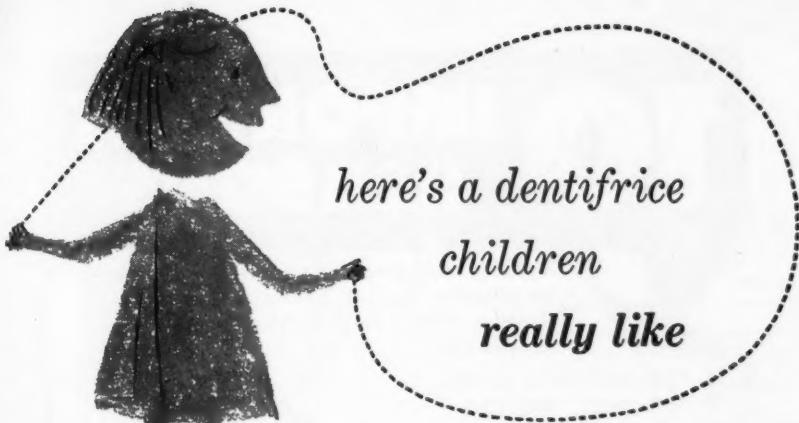
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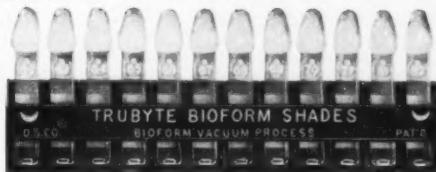
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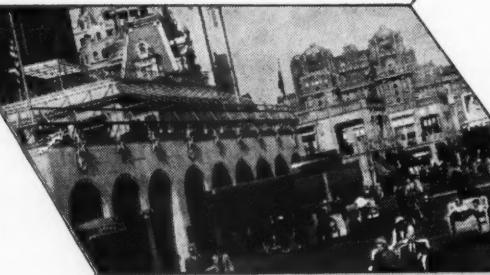
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